

While working as a miner in Red Pine Canyon he met Catherine Oaks, who was employed at the boarding house where he lived. They fell in love and were married.

Catherine Oaks was born October 2, 1851, in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, to Hyrum Oaks and Sarah Ann Wood.

The following are the children of James Jackson and Catherine Oaks:

Arminda, married to Zack Evans
Nellie, married Rolando Wissler
Esther, married Oscar C. Hardman
Lilah, married Louis Lazarvich
Edward M., married Virginia —.

IRA NORTON JACOB

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Later Ira married Lovia Ellen Clift, daughter of George W. and Amanda Clift at Mound City March 27, 1865. Six children were born to them:

Ralph Clifton
George Isaac
Ira Edgar
Ina Ellen

John Ezra
Oscar Norton.

Ira Jacob took an active interest in the Midway Ward and community. On March 11, 1868, he was appointed as second counselor to Sidney H. Epperson, who was Presiding Elder of Midway. In addition, he took part in dramatic entertainments. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk War serving as Captain of the Infantry Company of the Wasatch County Militia.

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